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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Oct-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 10/26/02	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/19/02
BRO-FRY	165,303	160,844
LT HENS	2,003	1,986
HVY HENS	1,584	1,659

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 19-Oct-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	294	0	294
LAST WEEK	266	4	270
SAME WK YR AGO	319	22	341
TO DATE 2002	12,893	265	13,158
TO DATE 2001	17,827	269	18,096

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,116	1,603	3,719
LAST WEEK	2,020	1,540	3,560
SAME WK YR AGO	2,016	1,541	3,557
TO DATE 2002	86,712	59,488	146,200
TO DATE 2001	92,740	58,434	151,174

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 19-Oct-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	155,053 (A)	1,822	1,603	3,425
AVG WT	5.05	3.30	7.90	5.45
LAST WEEK	158,073	1,754	1,536	3,290
SAME WEEK YR AGO	156,885	1,697	1,519	3,216
AVG WT	5.12	3.43	7.98	5.58
TO-DATE/2002	6,530,121	73,819	59,223	133,042
TO-DATE/2001	6,473,574	74,913	58,165	133,078

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 156.9 million head or -0.2 million head less than or 100% percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING October 12, 2002**

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	15,964	18,164	23,878
AVG WEIGHT	3.37	4.60	5.90
% OF TOTAL /1	28%	31%	41%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	13,051	13,369	24,610
AVG WEIGHT	3.86	4.54	6.29
% OF TOTAL /1	26%	26%	48%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	23,622	25,253	42,465
AVG WEIGHT	3.73	4.70	6.14
% OF TOTAL /1	26%	28%	46%
TO DATE/2002	1,052,062	902,533	1,671,989
TO DATE/2001	1,289,776	1,127,390	1,779,275

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 19-Oct-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,597	2,969	70	25	4,661
AVG WT	15.36	34.95	24.62	29.63	28.05
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,631	2,926	93	15	4,665
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,089	3,013	50	47	5,199
AVG WT	16.09	33.85	25.39	28.21	26.57
TO-DATE/2002	77,002	115,016	2,246	384	194,648
TO-DATE/2001	84,152	115,794	1,890	492	202,328

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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